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TO MY DEARE AND
WELL-BELOVED HEA-
rers: the Congregation of Steeple,
Ashton, and Semington, in Wilt-
shire: Grace and Peace, &c.

Brethren, mine hearts delight and Pray-
er unto God for you is, that you might be
saved. For God is my record, how I long Rom. 10.
after you all, from the very heart-root, in Je-
sus Christ, since the day that I came amongst
you: not ceasing to pray for you, that you may
bee fulfilled with the knowledge of his will, in Phil. 1. 8.
all wisdom & spirituall understanding, that
you may walke worthy of the Lord, and please
him, in all things, being fruitful in all good Coloss.
workes, and increasing in the Knowledge of 1. 9. 10.
God: for the better building of you vp,
in the which true saving Knowledge,
together with my v'suall course of Tea-
ching, I haue especially laboured in
Catechising of you, considering how I
found you, at least wise, the greatest
part of you: such who albeit concerning
the time ought to haue ben Teachers, yet had
needes to be taught againe the first Principles Heb. 5. 2
of the word of God, and had need of Milke,
and not of stronger meate. Experience
sheweth how little Preaching profiteth
where Catechising is neglected. There-
fore my care hath beene (according to

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my poor power) to make you acquainted *with the grounds & principles of Religion:* that so a good foundation being layd, I might haue hope of a more prosperous buylding. Wherin as I canot but with thankfulnessse acknowledge your good beginning, and willing forwardnes, to submit your selues to that religious actiō, so I canot but with grief admire the back-slyding of some amōgst you, who beginne to draw their necks out of this yooke, and wilfully oppose themselues against the same! To whom I may iustly speak, as the Prophat did of vntamed rebellious Ephraim: *O Ephraim what shall I doe vnto thee? O Iuda, how shall I*

Hof. 6. 4. *entreate thee? Am I therefore become your enemies, because I seeke the good of your*

Gal. 4. 16 *soules? Or what will they plead for themselves, Why they are so soone remooued from*

Gal. 1. 6. *their good beginning? Was it because they be discouraged by the skofs and taunts of prophane Ismaelites? It is a blessed thing to bee euill spoken of for Christ*

Mat. 5. 10 *Iesus? Or was it because they were ashamed publicly in the face of the congregation to make Confession of their Faith? Oh, but the Apostle telleth them*

1. Pet. 3. *that they should be alwayes ready to giue an*

15. *answer to any who shall aske them a reason of*
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the Faith that is in them: and therefore much more to their owne Pastor, that he may see their profiting in Religion, and that publicquely in the cōgregation that others may reape profite by their examination. Or was it because their instructions were onely written notes, which they who could not write could not read, and therefore could not be so ready for their answer? If this be it: Lo here for the ease of mine own paines in writing, and their more easie reading, I haue caused to be printed this *Briefe summe of the Principles of Religion*, gathered out of the holy Scriptures, which hitherto hath bin the subiect of my Catechising amongst you. Let no man censure me that I haue light my Torch in the midst of so glorious a Sunshine, & haue presumed to set forth these my indigested collections, so many worthy Catechismes being already published. For to you my deare and well-beloued hearers, as a token of my good-will towards you, and a memoriall of that doctrine which for these fīue yeeres space I haue taught amongst you) I doe commend this little Treatise, the summe of that which both in my Preaching & catechising I haue taught vnto you: In the

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handling wherof, I haue endeauored to my power to be plain, simple, short, and profitable: abstaining from curious and hard questions, and bringing the questions and answers to as few words as I could, for the ease of children and common people: wherefore, desiring to heare of your profit, and the fruit of my labour, I canot but of very loue and dutie exhort you, not only to take this my labour in good part, but also to vse it aright, least it be a witnes against you in the day of the Lord: Let here I lay before you the Knowledge of the right way of Saluation, professing vnto you, in the name of him that shal iudge both quicke and dead, that the rehearsing of the *Beliefe, our Lords Prayer, and the ten Comandements*, the hearing of the *Word*, and the receiuing of the *Sacraments*, can profit nothing vnto Saluation, without the right vnderstanding, and applying of the same to our selues in particular. If therefore you wil not receiue this light of knowledge when it is offered vnto you, I call heauen and earth to witnes against you, if ye shall surely perish, your blood will bee required at your owne hands. *But I am perswaded better things of you,* and such as account any saluation; I

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am perswaded that like faithfull *Abraham*, you will teach your children and your households, and command them to serue the Lord. That you wil by oftē instructions and examinations out of this or any other Catechisme, you will prepare your children and seruants for the minister, that he may the better prepare both you and them for the Lord. What need you haue of this cōtinuall exercise in your houses, ye your selues and I by experience cā beare witnes: How great & grosse is the ignorance of many, notwithstanding the cleer light of the gospel so long shining amongst vs? Let vs therefore euery one of vs in our places, *endeavour that the Word of Christ may dwell plentifully in us, teaching & admanishing our selues, in Psalmes, & Hymnes, and spirituall songs, & let vs exhort one another daily, least any of vs be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. Finally (Brethren) strinue forward vnto perfection, be of good cōfort, liue in peace. And the very God of peace sanctifie you throughtout, that your whole spirite, and soule, and body, may be kept blamelesse vnto the comming of* *Coloss. 3. 16.*

OUR LORD IESVS CHRIST. *Heb. 3. 13.*

Amen. *2. Cor. 15. 11.*

1. Thes. 5. 22.

Your vnworthy Pastor.

G. Webb.

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EXPOSITION OF
*the Principles of Chri-
stian Religion.*

*Of Christian Religion, and
the Scriptures.*

SECT. I.

Christian

Religion,

what it is.

Acts. II.

26.

Ioh. 17. 3

Ro. 10. 9.

Ioh. 5. 36

Scripture.

Heb. 9. 1.

and 15.

Their parts

Old Testa-

ment.

Luke. 24.

44.

Hebr. . .

Question.

VVhat Religion do you professe?

Answer. **C**hristian Religion.

Quest. What is Christian Religion?

Answer. **C**hristian Religion is the true

Professing, Believing, and following of

those things which are taught and com-

manded by God in the Scriptures.

Qu. What do you call the Scriptures?

Answer. **T**he written Word of God, con-

tained in the Bookes Canonick of the

Old and New Testament.

Qu. What do you call the old Testamēt

Answer. **T**he Old Testament is the

fore-part of the Bible, containing in it

the Bookes of Moses, the Psalms, and the

Pro.

Of the Scriptures.

Prophets, with the other Canonically Histories and Treatises, which were written before the coming of our Saviour Christ in the flesh. (ment: *New Testament.*)

Q^u. Which do you call the New Testament.

Ans. The New Testament is the latter part of the Bible, containing in it the Bookes of the Gospell, the Actes of the Apostles, and their Canonically Epistles. *Hebr. 12. 21.*

Q^u. How shall wee knowe whether these Bookes of the Scriptures, are the very Word of God, or no?

Ans. Besides the testimony of Gods holy Spirit, which doth assure the same unto our soules and Consciences, there are many reasons to confirme vs in the certaintie thereof. *Their credit and Warrant.*

Q^u. What is your first reason?

Ans. The powerfull operation of the Word contained therein, they being powerfull to binde the Conscience, and to pierce into the very thoughts of the heart, which no other writings are able to doe: and therfore this must needs be the very Word of G D D. *Iohn 15. 26. Iohn. 16. 13. Ioh. 5. 36 1. Jerem. 23 29. Hc. 4. 12.*

Q^u. What other reasons haue you to confirme you in this?

Ans. The generall consent and impartialitie of the Peene-men of the same: *2. Pet. 1.*

Of the Scriptures.

Matt. 22. Iohn albeit they lived some long after others, and wrote in places farre distant one from the other, yet their writings do so well agree as if they had written at one time, and all together.

Qu. What other reason have you yet to proove the Scriptures to be the very Word of God?

3. *Ans.* The certaine and infallible truth
Esay. 34. of those things which are containned in
16. the same: there being nothing fore-told
2. Pet. 1. but in his due place and time is accordingly fulfilled.
19.

4. *Qu.* Shew me yet some other reason
Jerem. 36 to confirme you in it.
28.

Ans. The myraculous preservation of
Matt. 5. these Books from time to time: the common consent of the Church of **G D D**,
18. acknowledging these Books for no other
Hebr. 11. but the sacred Word of God, and the testimony of Martyrs, who have shed their
35. 36. 37 blood in defence of the things containned
38. therein, which doubtlesse they would not have done, had they not bene fully assured that they had bene the very word of
Their sufficiency. **God.**

Qu. Doth the Scriptures containe in
Deut: 12. them all things necessary to be known
32. of vs vnto saluation?

Ans.

Of the Scriptures.

Ans. *Yea*: for God being full of all
wisdom and goodnesse, prescribing vn,
to vs a Booke of knowledge, would leane
out nothing that was requisite for vs to
know.

Esa. 8. 20

Iohn. 20.

30. 31.

2. *Tim.* 3.

16. 17.

Their Vse.

De. 6. 6. 7

Mat. 13. 9

Psal. 1. 1.

Psal. 119.

105.

Quest. What must wee doe with the
Scriptures?

Ans. Wee must read them, heare them,
meditate in them, and liue according to
the direction of them.

Qu. May all read the Scriptures?

Ans. *Yea.*

Qu. Why?

Ans. First, because every one must be
able to proue and examine mens Doc-
trines and doings by the Scriptures. Se-
condly, every one must be able to proue
and trye himselfe, whether hee be in the
Faith or no. Thirdly, because every one
must be able to render an account of the
Faith that is in him. Lastly, because e-
very one must be able as his calling re-
quireth, to teach, admonish, exhort, and
comfort one another.

Acts. 17.

11.

2. *Cor.* 13

5.

1. *Pet.* 3.

15.

He. 3. 12.

Acts. 16.

14.

Qu. What if men cannot read?

Ans. Then they must vse the helpe of
those that can read.

Qu. Is it enough to reade the Scrip-
tures priuately, or with others?

Act. 9. 31

Ans.

Of the Scriptures.

Ans. No : But we must also heare them taught and Expounded vnto vs, publickely in the Church.

Quest. Why must Preaching be ioyned with Reading?

Rom. 10. **Answer.** Because it is the principall
14. and proper meanes to beget Faith with
in vs.

Quest. How many things are requisite to him that would bee a good Hearer or Reader of the Word.

*Rules for
Reading
and Hea-
ring.*

Ans. Foure things especially.

Quest. Which be they?

Ans. First, a trembling feare of the
Majestie of GOD : Secondly, an assured Faith in CHRIST : Thirdly,
Hebr. 4. 2 an earnest endeauor to frame our liues
Ezech. thereafter : And lastly, Prayer for Gods
33. 32. Blessing vpon those things which wee
Acts. 16. Heare or Heare.

14. **Quest.** What is the Summe of that
which the Scriptures doe propose vnto
vs?

Ioh. 17. 3 **Ans.** The right knowledge of God,
and of our selues.

Of God.

SECT. II.

Of GOD and our Creation, with
Man's first Estate.

Question.

WHat is GOD?

Ans. God is a Spirit, or spiri-
tuall Substance, most Wise, most Holy,
Eternall, Infinite.

Quest. How shall I knowe whether
there be a God or no?

Answer. Besides the testimony of the
Scripture, in the stone Conscience, & all
the Creatures of the world do plainly co-
vince that there is a God, which made
them all, and before whose Judgement
Seate I must answer for what I doe.

Qu. How many Gods be there?

Ans. There is but one onely God.

Quest. Is not God the Father, God:
and God the Sonne, God: and God
the Holy-Ghost, God?

Answer. Yes.

Qu. Are there not then three Gods?

Ans. There are three Persons in the
God-head, and yet but one God.

GOD:

What he is

Ioh. 4. 24

1. Tim. 1.

17.

Whether

there be.

Ro. 2. 15.

Ro. 1. 10.

Acts. 14.

17.

The number

1. Cor. 8.

6.

Deut. 6. 4

1. Ioh. 5. 7

Persons 11

the God-

head.

Qu.

Of God.

Qu. What is a Person in the Trinitie?

Ans. It is a distinct subsistence, having the whole Godhead in it.

Ioh. 15.1 Qu. How many Persons be there?

Ioh. 14.9 Ans. Three.

Haggai.2 Qu. Which be they?

6. Ans. The Father, the Sonne, and the Holy-Ghost.

1. Ioh. 5. Qu. What is the Father?

7. Ans. The first Person of the Trinitie, that of himselfe eternally hath begotten his onely Sonne.

Psal. 2.7. Qu. What is the Sonne?

Iob. 14.1 Ans. The second Person in the Trinitie, that in the unitie of Essence is eternally begotten of the substance of his Father.

Hebr. 1.1 Qu. What is the Holy-Ghost?

The Holy-Ghost. Ans. The third Person in the Trinitie, proceeding eternally from the Father and the Sonne.

Ioh. 14.26. Qu. Is not the Father greater then the Sonne, and the Sonne greater then the Holy-Ghost?

Ioh. 14.21. and Ans. No: for their glorie is all equall, and their Maiesty coeternall.

16. Qu. How is God made knowne vnto *Hon. God vs?*

is co.eyned by vs. Ans. By his Works, Word, & Spirit.

Qu.

Of God.

Qⁿ. What be the works of **GOD**?

Ans. The Creation of the World, and every thing therein, and the preservation of them, beeing Created, by his speciall Providence.

Ro. 1.29.

Ioh. 5.39

Ro. 8.16.

Ier. 10.12

Psal:33.6

Qⁿ. Who Created the Worlde, and all the Creatures therein?

Answer. **GOD**.

Gen. 1.1.

Quest. Whereof did he Create them?

Ans. Of nothing, onely by his Word.

Gen. 1.2.

Quest. In how many dayes did hee Create them?

He. 11.3.

Ans. In sixe dayes.

Gen. 2.1.

Qⁿ. Could not hee haue finished the Creation sooner?

Ans. Yes, if it had pleased him.

Quest. Wherefore then did hee occupie sixe dayes in the Creation of them?

Ans. To the ende that we might the better consider him in his Works.

Ro. 1.10.

Quest. In which of these sixe dayes was Man created?

Ge. 1.26.

Ans. In the first day,

Quest. Whereof was man made?

Gen. 2.7.

Ans. His Body was made of the dust of the Earth, into which the Lord breathed the breath of Life.

Qⁿ. In what estate was man created?

Answer. He was Created in the

Image

Of the Creation.

Image of G D D.

Ephes. 4. *Quest.* What is the Image of God?

24. *Ans.* Perfect Holinesse, and Righteousnesse.

Ephes. 7. *Quest.* To what end, or why was Man Created?

10. *Ans.* To acknowledge and serue his Maker.

Quest. What libertie had they to obey his will?

Ans. They had Free-will, to obey and disobey.

Ge. 1. 27. *Quest.* VVhat profit had they by their obedience?

Ans. They were blessed and happie in bodie and soule.

SECT. III.

Of the Fall of our first Parents: of Mans second Estate: of the Law: and our impossibility to keepe the same.

Question.

DOe wee continue still in that our first Estate?

Eph. 2. 1. *Ans.* No, but by Nature we are dead in
1. Tim. 5. sinnes, hauing in vs the seed of all sinnes.

6.

Quest.

Of the fall of our first Parents.

Quest. How commeth this to passe,
seeing wee were so perfectly Created?

Ans. By the fall of *Adam*.

Quest. What was *Adams* Fall? Ro. 5. 12.

Ans. Disobedience against *God*;
in eating the forbidden fruit. Ge. 2. 17.

Qu. What moued them to this disobedience? Ge. 3. 1. 2

Ans. *Sathan*, & theyr own inconstancie.

Qu. How did *Sathan* perswade them?

Ans. He perswaded them that *God* Gen. 3. 5.
did enuie their happinesse: that no danger,
but much good, would come of the
eating of the forbidden fruit.

Qu. How could they be perswaded,
hauing the Image of God?

Ans. They had the Image of God, but Gen. 2. 17
not the gift of Conscience.

Quest. What things did they loose
through their Fall?

Ans. The fauour and Image of God, Gen. 3. 17
with the vse of the Creatures.

Qu. What did they procure to themselves
by their Fall?

Ans. Death of Body and Soule, with Ro. 5. 14.
all other miseries. Gal. 3. 10

Quest. But what is that to vs: How
commeth it to passe, that our Nature is
corrupted?

Of the fall of our first Parents.

Ans. By naturall Propagation, from our first Parents.

Quest. How so?

Ans. They being the stocke and the
Job. 14. roote of all mankinde, and by the Bran-
Psalm. 51 ches proceeding from them, our Nature
Rom: 5. was so corrupted in them, that frō thence
12. 18. we are all conceived and borne in origi-
nall sinne.

Quest. What is Originall sinne?

Col. 3. 9. Ans. The Corruption of our whole
Job. 14. Nature, by naturall Propagation deri-
ued into vs.

Quest. In whome is this Corruption
of Nature?

Ro: 3. 10. Ans. In all men without exception
that proceed out of the loyns of Adam.

Gen. 6. 5. Quest. In what part of man is it.

1. Theff: Answer. In euery part both of Bodie
5. 23. and Soule.

Quest. What bee the Fruites of this
Originall Sinne?

Ioh. 13. 2 Ans. Euill thoughts in the minde, &
Acts. 5. 3 euill motions and lusts in the heart, euill
1. Chron. words and deeds, with all other Sinnes,
21. 1. which we doe commit.

Quest. How doe you knowe that you
are a Sinner.

Ro. 2. 15. Ans. By the testimonie of mine owne
Con-

Of the Commandements.

Conscience, and by the Law of God.

Quest. Where is this Lawe of God set downe?

Ans. It is written in many places of the Scriptures, but the summe thereof is contained in the tenne Commandements. Exod. 20

Quest. How many Commandements bee there in this Law?

Ans. Tenne.

Quest. Rehearse them.

Ans. GOD spake these words and said: I am the Lord thy GOD, which brought thee out of the Land of Egypt, out of the house of Bondage. Exod. 20

1. Thou shalt haue none other Gods, but mee.

2. Thou shalt not make to thy selfe any grauen Image, nor the likenesse of any thing that is in Heauen aboue, or in the Earth beneath, or in the water vnder the Earth: thou shalt not bowe downe to them, nor worship them: For I the Lord thy God am a Jealous God, and visite the sinnes of the Fathers vpon the Children, vnto the thirde and fourth generation of them that hate mee, and shew mercie vnto thousands in them that loue mee, and keepe my Commandements.

Of the Commandements.

3. Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vaine: for the Lord will not holde him guiltlesse, that taketh his Name in vaine.

4. Remember that thou keepe holy the Sabboth day. Sixe dayes shalt thou labour, and do all that thou hast to do: but the seauenth day is the Sabboth of the Lord thy God. In it thou shalt doe no manner of worke, thou, and thy sonne, and thy daughter, thy man-servant, and thy maide-servant, thy Cattell, and the stranger that is within thy gates: for in sixe dayes the Lord made Heauen and Earth, the Sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seauenth day: wherefore the Lord blessed the seauenth day, and halowed it.

5. Honour thy Father and thy Mother, that thy dayes may be long in the Land, which the Lord thy God giueth thee.

6. Thou shalt doe no murther.

7. Thou shalt not commit Adulterie.

8. Thou shalt not steale.

9. Thou shalt not beare false witnesse against thy Neighbour.

10. Thou shalt not couet thy Neighbours House, thou shalt not couet thy Neigh-

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Neighbours Wife, nor his Seruant, nor his Paide, nor his Dre, nor his Ass, nor any thing that is his.

Qu. What thing doe these Comman- Matt. 22.
dements teach vs? 40.

Ans. They doe teach vs our dutie both to God and man.

Quest. How be the Commandements deuided?

Ans. Into two Tables or parts. Exod. 23

Quest. How many Commandements are there in the first Table? 15.

Ans. foure.

Qu. How many of the second?

Ans. Sixe.

Qu. What doe the Commandements of the first Table teach vs?

Ans. Our dutie towards God. Matt. 22.

Quest. What is the generall summe of our dutie vnto God? 37.

Ans. We must loue the Lorde our G D D, with ali our heart, with all our soule, and with all our minde: performing such inward and outward Obedience vnto him, as hee requyrezeth to the honour of his Name. Deut. 6.6

Qu. What doe the commandements of the second Table teach vs?

Ans. Our duty towards our Neighboz.

Of the Commandements.

Qⁿ. What is the summe of our dutie towards our Neighbour?

Answer. We must loue our Neighbour as our selfe, yeelding them that
 Matt. 22. 38. 39. Loue, Reuerence, and Obedience, which
 Ro. 13. 7. they places requyre, and endeououring to
 Ro. 12. 15. preserve (as much as in vs lyeth,) the
 1. Thessa. 4. 3. Persons, Chastitie, Goods, and good
 Name, both of our selues and others,
 Gal. 5. 13 and by abstaining from all couetous and
 Psal. 15. 3 vngodly desires.

1. Tim. 1. *Questiō.* Can wee keepe these Com-
 5. mandements without breaking them, in
 thought, word, or deede?

Answer. No: For being by Nature
 Eph. 2. 3. borne and conceived in sinne, we are
 Rom. 7. not onely vn sufficient to doe any good
 18. 19. things, but also disposed to all Vice and
 wickednesse.

Quest. Is not God then vniust, to giue
 such a Lawe vnto vs which wee are not
 able to keepe?

Ans. No: For when God created vs,
 Ge. 1. 27. hee made vs able for to keep his Law, we
 Hos. 13. 9 being changed and made weake through
 sinne, the fault is our owne.

Quest. To what end then serueth
 the Lawe, seeing wee are not able to
 keepe it?

Ans. To

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Answer. To shew our miserie, to lead vs vnto **C H R I S T**: and to be a rule for the well ordering of our liues. Rom. 3.9
Phil. 3.9.
Gal. 3.24

Quest. What is the punishment due to those that breake these Commandements?

Answer. Eternall destruction both of Body and Soule. Ro. 5.12.
Gal. 3.10

Quest. Is the Curse due to vs all?

Ans. Yea: for all have sinned, and we doe all breake these Commandements, in thought, word, and deede. Ro. 3.10.
Psal. 13.3

Quest. Can we our selues by our owne good workes make satisfaction for our finnes?

Ans. No: But rather we doe daily increase our debt. Lu. 17.10

Quest. Can there none of the Creatures in Heauen or Earth, beeing onely creatures, make satisfaction for vs?

Ans. No: For there is none that is onely a Creature, which can abide the wrath of God against Sinne, and deliver others from the same. Psal. 49.7

SECT.

Of our Redemption.

SECT. IIII.

*Of our Redemption: Mans
third Estate.*

Question.

How then doe you looke to be sa-
ued?

Ans. By *I E S U S C H R I S T.*

Qu. Who is this Iesus Christ?

Ans. *The Eternall Sonne of God,*
Heb. 2. 16 perfect God, and perfect Man.

Ioh. 1. 14. Quest. Must hee needs bee both God
and Man?

Answer. *Yea.*

Quest. Why?

Ans. First, because hee must dye for
2. Tim. 2. vs, and *G O D* cannot dye, therefore he
5. 6. must needs be Man: Secondly, he must
Gal. 4. 4. overcome Death, which beeing onely
Phil. 2 7. Man, hee could not doe, therefore he must
be *G O D.*

Quest. How was hee made Man?

Answer. Hee was conceived in the
Mat. 1. 18 wombe of the Virgin, and sanctified by
the Holy-Ghost at his Conception.

Quest. By whom was he conceived?

Ans.

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Ans. By the Holy-Ghost.

Mat. 1.20

Q^u. Why was hee conceyued by the Holy-Ghost?

Ans. That hee might be without sinne, and so sanctifie vs.

Lu. 1.35.

Quest. Why was hee made man, like vnto vs?

Ans. That hee might dye for vs, in our owne Nature.

Ioh. 1.16

Quest. Of whom was hee borne?

Ans. Of the blessed Virgin Marie.

Lu. 1.17.

Q^u. Had the Virgin Marie any thing to doe in the Redemption of vs?

Ans. No.

Quest. Why then is she named in the Gospell?

Answer. That wee might knowe our SAUIOUR IESUS CHRIST to come of the Promised Tribe & Familie.

Quest. Of what Tribe and House was hee promised?

Answer. Of the Tribe of Iudah, and House of Dauid.

Genes.

49.10.

Q^u. What be the Offices of Christ, to make him an All-sufficient Sauiour?

Ans. Hee is a Priest, a Prophet, and a King for vs.

Psal. 45.7

Lu. 4.18,

Q^u. Why is hee our Priest?

De. 18.15

Ans. To worke the means of Salua-

Psal. 10

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Quest. tion, in the behalfe of Mankind.

Quest. How doth he worke the meanes of our Saluation?

Matt. 20. Answ. First, by making satisfaction to
28. his Father for the sinne of Man: Se.
He. 7. 25. condly, by making Intercession for him.

Quest. How doth he make this Satisfaction to his Father for vs?

Acts. 20. Answ. First, by his perfect Righteous-
28. nes and obedience, in performing all that
2. Cor. 5. the Law required: Secondly, by suffering
15. for vs, that which our sinnes deserved.
Isa. 53. 10

Quest. Vnder whome did hee suffer?

Luc. 3. 1. An. Under Pontius Pilate, the chiefe
Matt. 27. Gouvernour at that time, for the Roman
2. Emperour at Jerusalem.

Quest. What death did hee suffer?

An. He was crucified vpon the Crosse.

Quest. Wherefore did hee suffer that
18. kinde of Death?

Answ. Because that kinde of Death
Gal. 3. 13 was most accursed, and hee was now to
sustaine our Curse.

Esa. 53. 5 *Quest.* What was this his Suffering?

Matt. 26. Answ. In Body and Soule, hee sustai-
27. ned the whole wrath of G D D, due to
Phil. 2. 5. the sinne of man.

6. *Quest.* Wherefore was hee Buryed?

Matt. 27. Answ. To assure vs the better of his

46. 46 Death.

quest.

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Quest. Wherefore did he arise from the dead?

Answer. To assure vs of his victorie o^{er} Death. Matt. 28. 6.

Quest. Why did he ascend into Hea- 1. Cor. 15. 16. 17.
uen before vs?

Ans. To take possession of our Inher- 55. 56.
ritance in our name.

Quest. What doth hee there?

Ans. Hee maketh continuall Inter- Ro. 8. 34.
cession for vs. (is this?)

Quest. What kinde of Intercession

Ans. A continuall mitigation of his 1. Pet. 2. 5
Fathers wrath for vs, through the ver-
tue of his Death, by which hee maketh
the Faithfull and their Prayers, accep-
table vnto his Father.

Quest. Why is CHRIST our Prophet?

Ans. To reueale vnto his Church the Ioh. 6. 45
way and meanes of Salvation.

Quest. How doth hee this?

Ans. By the outward Ministerie of Match. 3. 17.
his Word, and the inward operation of
his holy Spirit.

Quest. Why is hee our King?

Answer. That hee might beautifullly Esai. 9. 7.
bestowe vpon vs, and conuey vnto vs all
the meanes of our Salvation, and beare
rule ouer vs.

quest.

Of our Redemption.

Quest. How doth he shewe himselfe to be our King?

Ans. In that beeing dead and buried, **Acts. 10.** he rose againe from the Graue, ascended **40.** into Heauen, and nowe sitteth at the **Eph. 4.8.** right hand of his Father, with full power **Acts. 1.9** and glory in Heauen.

Qu. What are the effects of all these actions of Christ vnto vs.

Lu. 1.67. *Ans.* They haue wrought our Redemp-
Ro. 8.34. tion, Saluation, and Sanctification.

Eph. 4.22 *Quest.* What is our Redemption.

Ro. 5.15. *Ans.* A deliuey of vs from sinne, and
16. the punishment thereof, and restoring vs
1. Cor. 15 to a better and more happy Estate.

4. *Quest.* VVherein doth our Saluation consist?

Coloss. 2. *Ans.* In Remission of our sinnes, Im-
13. putation of Christs Righteousnes vnto
Ro. 5.28. vs, and bestowing of life Euerlasting vpon vs.

Quest. VVhat is Sanctification?

Ans. It is a freedom within vs, from
Eph. 4.22 the bondage of Sathan, and a renewing
Col. 3.8. of vs vnto newnesse of life.

Quest. Are all men without exception, partakers of this benefite of Redemp-
Matt. 20. tion and Saluation?

16. *Ans.* No: For the greatest part shall haue

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have their portion in Hell-fire, with the
Devill and his Angells. Mat. 7.13

Quest. Who are they then that shall
be saved by Christ.

Ans. Truly the true Belouers, which
lay holde on the merites of Christ, by a
true and liuely Faith. Ioh. 3.16
Ioh. 1.22

SECT. V.

*Of Faith, and the Articles
of our Beliefe.*

Question.

V What is Faith?

Answer. Faith is a wonder-
full Grace of God, by which a man doth
apprehend and applie *C H R I S T* and
all his benefites vnto himselfe. Iohn. 19.
35.
Gal. 3.27
Col. 2.22

Quest. How doe wee applye Christ
vnto our selues in this Faith?

Ans. When wee are verily perswaded
by the Holy Spirit of Gods fauour to-
wards our selues particularly, and of the
forgiuenesse of our owne sinnes. 2. Cor. 1.
21.22.
Ro. 8.16.

Quest. How is this assurance wrought
within vs.

Ans.

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Rom. 8. **Ans.** By Gods holy Spirit, sealing
15. 16. the same to our Soules and consciences.

Q^a. What meanes doth the Spirit of God vse, to worke this within vs.

Ans. First, by working in vs a sight of
A^a. 2. 37 our sinnes, and sorrow for them: then,
1. Tim. 1. by working certaine inward motions in
15. the Heart, which are the seedes of Faith:
Reu. 21. 6 and lastly, filling our hearts with the as-
A^a. 8. 22 surance of his lone in CHRIST, which
assurance is a liuely Faith.

Quest. Are there not diuers Degrees and measures of true Faith?

Ans. Yes: for there is a weake Faith, and there is a strong Faith.

Q^a. What is the least measure of true Faith that a man can haue?

Ans. When a man of an humble spirit,
by reason of the littlenesse of his Faith,
Fsa. 42. 3 doth not yet see the assurance of the for-
Matt. 17. ginenesse of his Sinnes, and yet is per-
20. suaded that they are pardonable, and
Luc. 17. 5 therefore desireth that they should be par-
doned, and with his Heart longeth for
pardon for them.

Quest. How doe you know that such a man hath Faith?

Ans. These desires and Prayers are
Ro. 8. 27. Testimonies of the Spirit: now where
Gal. 4. 6. the

Of Faith.

the Spirit of Christ is, there is Christ Ephes. 3.
dwelling : and where Christ dwelleth, 17.
there is true Faith, how weak soever Rom. 8. 9
it be.

Qu. What is the greatest measure of
true Faith.

Ans. When a man daylie increasing in
Faith, cometh to be fully perswaded of Ro. 8. 28.
Gods loue in Christ, towards himselfe Cant. 8.
particularly, and the forgiveness of his
owne sinnes. 6, 7.

Quest. When shall a Christian heart
come to this full assurance?

Ans. Not at the first, but in some conti-
nuance of time, when he hath bene well
practised in Repentance, and hath had di- 2. Tim. 4.
uers experiences of Gods loue to him in 7. 8.
Christ : then will appeare in his heart Psal. 23. 6
the fullnesse of perswasion, which is the
ripenesse and strength of Faith. Ro. 4. 10.

Quest. How shall a man know whether Mar. 7. 16
he hath this true Faith in him or no?

Ans. By the fruits and marks thereof. 2. Cor. 7.

Qu. Which be the fruits and marks
of Faith. 11.
1. Thes. 5

Ans. An hatred of sinne, and loue of 13.
Righteousnesse, a continuall desire and Psal. 119.
endeauor to please GOD, in the duties 113,
commanded, and an vnfeigned Loue of Mart. 22.
God 40.

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God and our Neighbour.

Quest. Rehearse the Summe of your Beliefe.

Answer. I beleue in God the Father Almighty, maker of Heauen and Earth, and in Iesus Christ his onely Sonne our Lord, which was Conceyued by the Holie-Ghost, borne of the Virgine Marie, suffered vnder Pontius Pilate, was Crucified, dead, and buryed, hee descended into Hell, the third day hee rose againe from the dead, hee ascended into Heauen, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty: From thence hee shall come to Iudge the quicke and the dead. I beleue in the Holie-Ghost, the holy Catholike Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sinnes, the Resurrection of the bodie, and the life Everlasting.

Quest. Into how many parts are these Articles of the Christian Faith diuided.

Ans. Into two parts.

Quest. Which bee they.

Answer. The first sheweth our Faith towards GOD: the second, our Faith concerning the Church.

Quest. What doe you professe in the first part?

Ans.

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Ans. In the first part I declare that I beleeue in God the Father, the Sonne, and the Holie Ghost.

Quest. Why say you, I beleeue, not wee beleeue.

Ans. Because I must liue by mine own faith, & not by the faith of another. Habac. 2. 4.

Qu. Why doe you say, I beleeue in God; and not rather, I beleeue that there is a God?

Ans. By saying, I beleeue in GOD, I declare that I put my whole trust & assistance in GOD; whereas the Diuels and wicked men, believing there is a God, yet cannot put their whole trust and confidence in GOD. Iam. 2. 19

Quest. What doe you beleeue concerning God the FATHER?

Ans. I beleeue that he is the Father of CHRIST by nature, & my Father by grace through him: that he is of Infinite power & might, the Creator, Governour, and Preseruer, of all things, both in Heauen and Earth. Eph. 1. 2. 1
Hebr. 1. 1.
3.

Quest. What do you beleeue concerning God the SONNE?

Ans. I beleeue that he is the SAVIOUR PROMISED, the only begottē sonne Mat. 1. 2. 1
Ro. 8. 29.

C. of

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Phil. 2. 7. of God, head to man and Angels: who
 Luk. 1. 35 for vs men, and for our saluation, took
 Luk. 2. 7. our flesh vpon him, incarnate by the
 Math. 27. holy Ghost of the Virgine Mary, and
 Luk. 24. was made man, and was crucified
 25. also for vs vnder Pontius Pilate, suffer-
 reth the death of the Crosse, and was
 buried, he descended into hell, and the
 third day he rose againe, according to
 the Scriptures, and ascended into Hea-
 uen, and sitteth on the right hand of
 the Father, hauing all authoritie, and
 power ouer all things both in heauen,
 1. Thel. 4. and earth: I beleue also that he shall
 16. come at the day of Iudgement, with
 1. Cor. 15. maiesty and great glory, to iudge
 both the quicke and dead, to pronounce
 the blessed sentence vpon the goodly, and
 the sentence of condemnation vpon the
 wicked.

Quest. What doe you beleue con-
 cerning God the holy Ghost?

Ans. I do beleue that he is God, e-
 quall with the Father and the Sonne
 Ioh. 15. who putteth all thinges in execution,
 16. which are decreed by Gods secret coun-
 Eph. 2. 20 sell.

Quest. What benefits dowe receiue
 from this holy Ghost?

Ans.

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Ans. The holy Ghost doth assure me Ro. 8. 15.
that I am the child of God, by making
me to call him Abba, father: Secondly Phil. 3. 19
he assureth me by vertue of the death & Ro. 12. 13
resurrection of Christ: that Sin dieth
in me, and I am raysed vp to holines of
life: Thirdly, hee leadeth me into all
truth needefull to Gods glory and my
saluation: and lastly, he comforteth me
in al my troubles, and in death assureth
me of a better life.

Quest. What is the holy Catholike
Church, which you here confesse?

Answer. A peculiar company of men, 1. Pet. 2. 9
predestinated to life euertlasting, and Luke. 12.
made one in Christ. 32.

Qu. What be the parts of this church?

Ans. The Church militant here on Eph. 3. 15
earth, and the Church triumphant in Heb. 12.
heauen. 22.

Qu. Do wee belieue in the Church?

Ans. No: for we must beleue onely Deut. 6.
in God.

Quest. What then do you beleue of
the Church?

An. That God hath a certain number
of his chosen children, which hee hath Eph. 17. 4
predestinated to eternall life, and in his
due time calleth & gathereth to himselfe? Iohn: 15.
5.

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Quest. How doth God gather his Church vnto him selfe?

Ans. Whom he hath Predestinated, Ro. 8.30. them he Calleth: whom he Calleth, them he Iustificeth: whom he Iustificeth, them he glorifieth.

Quest. Why is this Church called the holy Church?

Ans. In respect of the Iustification, & 1. Pet. 2.9 Sanctification of it in Christ Iesus.

Qu. Why do you call it Catholique?

Ans. Because it is gathered from all Elay. 49. parts of the earth, consisteth of all sorts 22. and degrees of men: and was, is, and Matt. 26. shall be, to the end of the World. 13.

Quest. How may the Church of God reuel. 7.9 externally be knowne of vs?

Ans. By the true professing of the Iohn. 10. Word and Sacraments.

27. *Quest.* What are the Prerogatiues or Benefites which God bestoweth vpon his Church.

Ans. They are especially these foure: the Communion of Saintes, the Forgiveness of Sinnes, the Resurrection of the Body, and Life everlasting.

Qu. What is this Communion of Saints.

Acts. 26. *Ans.* The mutual participation of Christ 18. and

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and his graces amongst his members. Col. 1. 12

Quest. What followeth vpon this Communion? Eph. 1. 18

Ans. A spirituall Uniting, Societie, & communion amongst Christ his members. Act. 4. 32
2. Pet. 1. 7

Quest. May men bee ioyned with Christ, and not with his Saints?

Ans. No: nor yet with his Saints, 1. Ioh. 1. 6
if not with CHRIST.

Quest. May wee separate our selues from those particular churches where the Word is retained, and the Sacraments truely administred.

Ans. No: albeit sundry vices doe abound there, yet wee may not wholly condemne such churches, or make separation from them. 1. Cor. 5. 11.
Psal. 17. 4

Quest. But the multitude are there wicked and prophane. 2. Pe. 2. 8

Ans. Yet there is a true Church, where the Word truely remaineth. Ezech. 18.

Qu. But by the way wee are bodily ioyned with the wicked. (them. 4. & 20.

Ans. That cannot hurt vs nor profite 1. Cor. 3.

Quest. Why? 8.

Ans. Because wee and they are spirituallly seperated. Gal. 6. 5.

Qu. What is the next benefit which

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you beleue to bee giuen by God to euery member of his Church.

Answer. The forgiuenes of sinnes?

Qu. What is the forgiunes of sinne?

Esa. 33.

24.

Esa. 62. 12

Rom. 4. 25

Mic. 7. 19.

Answer. It is a blessing of God vpon his Church, procured by the death and passion of Christ, whereby both the sin, and the punishment due thereunto, is freely forgiven to the faithfull.

Qu. How oft are our sins forgiven vnto vs?

Ans. Continually vnto our liues end.

Qu. What look you for at the hands of God after this life?

Ans. The resurrection of the body and life euerlasting.

Quest. What do you beleue concerning the Resurrection of the Body?

Iob. 19.

25.

1 Cor. 15.

Ioh. 5. 28.

Answer. I beleue that this Body of mine after that it is dissolved into dust, shall be raysed by againe at the last day, and both body and soule shall liue together for ever in euerlasting blessednes.

Quest. With what body shall we rise againe?

Iob. 19.

26.

Phil. 3. 21

Answer. With the same bodies, but free from corruption and alteration.

Quest. Wherefore shall we rise again with the same bodies?

That

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Ans. That they may receive reward **Act. 3. 19**
with our soules.

Quest. What reward is that?

Ans. Life everlasting.

Quest. What is this life everlasting?

Ans. It is that blessed and happie
state which the faithfull shall enjoy af- **Esa. 64. 4.**
ter this life in heaven, where they shall **Ioh. 7. 20.**
raigne with Christ their Head, and en- **1 Cor. 2. 9**
joy the presence of God with endlesse
happines.

Quest. Shall all men haue this life e-
uerlasting?

Ans. No: for the wicked shall bee **Mat. 25.**
cast into Hel, there to endure torments **41**
unspeakable both in body and soules; **Mat. 8. 12**
euer.

Quest. Whereupon is your beliefe,
concerning al these things grounded.

Ans. Upon the holy Word of God. **Pro. 28.**

Quest. What other outward means **19.**
besides the word, haue you to en-
crease your Faith.

Ans. The Sacraments and prayer.

SECT. VI.

Of the Sacraments.

Question.

WHat is a Sacrament?

Rom. 4. 1. *Ans.* A Sacrament is a sensible signe & visible seale of the benefits
Genes. 17. 12. of our saluation in *CHRIST IESVS.*

Gal. 3. 2. *Quest.* How doe the Word and Sacraments differ?

Mat. 13. 9 *Ans.* The Word speaketh to the eare, the Sacraments to the eyes.

Quest. VVhat neede haue wee of a Sacrament to represent the mercies of God before our eyes.

Iohn. 20. *Ans.* Because we are dull to conceiue,
25. and slowe to beleue Heauenly things,

Iohn. 19. vnlesse by sensible and Earthly things
34. they be represented vnto vs.

1. Cor. 10 *Q.* How many Sacraments be there?

1. 2. *Ans.* *Two Sacraments.

Matt. 28. *Q.* VVhich be they? (Lord.

19. *Ans.* Baptisme, & the Supper of the

Matt. 28. *Q.* Vho ordained these 2. Sacraments

26. *Ans.* The Lord *IESVS.*

1. Cor. 10
24.

Quest.

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Quest. To what end did hee ordaine them?

Ans. To strengthen our Faith, and to further our Repentance. Ro. 4. 11.

Quest. How many things are to be considered?

Ans. Two things: the outward signe, and the thing signified.

Quest. What is the Sacrament of Baptisme?

Ans. The Sacrament of Baptisme is an holy action, instituted by Matt. 28. 19.
Christ: wherein, by the outward Titus. 3. 5.
washing of Water, is represented Aa. 22. 16.
and sealed forth unto vs the wash- Galat. 3. 27.
ing away of our sinnes by the blood of Christ, and the Couenant of grace betwene God and vs.

Quest. In the Sacrament of Baptisme, which is the outward signe?

Ans. Water.

Quest. What doth that signifie.

Ans. The washing away of our Aa. 1. 38.
sinnes by the blood of Christ. Eph. 5. 26

Quest. How is your Faith strengthened by Baptisme?

Ans. By Baptisme I am recey- Iohn. 3. 5.
ued into the Familie of the Lord, 1. Pe. 1. 2.
and

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and thereby fully assured that both my
sinnes are forgiven mee, and the pu-
nishment due vnto the same.

Quest. Who are to be baptized?

Act. 7. 37. *Ans.* Onely the faithfull and their
seed.

Qu. Must the children of the faith-
full being infants be baptised?

Ans. Yes.

Quest. Why?

Ans. First, because they belong
Gen. 17. 7 to the Covenant and Church of God,
1 Cor. 12 as well as others: Secondly, forgive-
13. nesse of sinnes, and the holy Ghost is
Act. 2. 39. promised to them, as well as to o-
Mat. 19. thers: Thirdly, that there may bee a
14. difference made betwene them, and
Act. 10. the Children of Infidels: And lastly,
47 because Baptisme is come in the place
Ro. 11. 16 of Circumcision. Now Infantes a-
Col. 2. 11. mongst the Jewes were circumcised,
1 Cor. 10. and therefore the Children of the
9. faithfull Christians being but Infantes
are to be baptised.

Quest. What doe you professe in
Baptisme.

Ans. To dye vnto sinne, and to
Mar. 26. liue vnto righteousness: to forsake
16. the

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the Diuall, the World, and the flesh,
and to liue as it becommeth Chri-
stians.

Quest. What daunger is it not to
performe this our vow and promise
in Baptisme?

Ans. Fearefull damnation, be- Deu. 23.
cause it is a breach of the vow and co- 21.
uenant made with God. Eccl. 5. 4.

Quest. What is the Sacrament of
the Lords Supper.

Ans. It is an holy action ordained
by Christ: wherein the Breade bro- 1 Cor. 11.
ken, and the Wine poured out, is 23. 24. 25.
deliuered to all the faithfull, that they 26. 27. 28.
may eate of that Bread, and Drinke
of that Cup in remembrance of Christs
death.

Quest. In this Sacrament which be
the Signes that may bee seene?

Ans. Bread and Wine.

Quest. What doe they signifie or re-
present?

Ans. The Body and Bloud of
Christ.

Quest. Is the Bread and VVine tur-
ned into the very Body and Bloud of
Christ.

Ans.

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Ans. *pro:* for Christs Body and
 Matt. 26. 26. Bloud is in heauen, and the Bread
 26. and Wine in their nature and sub-
 Acts. 1. 9. stance are not changed, but in vse
 they differ from other common
 bread and wine, because they be ap-
 pointed of God to bee signes and
 Seales of the Body and Bloud of
 Christ.

Quest. Why then doth Christ say,
 Matt. 26. 26. *This is my body?*

Ans. It is a figurative kinde of
 1. Cor. 11. 14. speech, vsuall in the Scriptures, as
 Circumcision is called the Coue-
 nant: the Lambe is called the
 Gen. 7. 10 Pascheouer: and yet Circumcision
 Exodus 12. 11. is not the Couenant: the Lambe
 is not the Pascheouer, but a Signe
 thereof.

Quest. Wherefore doe we receiue
 the Supper of the Lord.

Ans. In remembrance of his death
 1. Cor. 11. 26. and passion.

Quest. What good will this remem-
 brance doe vnto vs.

Ans. It serueth to strengthen our
 1. Cor. 10. 26. Faith, and to shew vnto vs the spi-
 rituall vniou which wee haue with
 Christ.

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Christ.

Quest. How is your Faith strengthened by the Supper of the Lord.

Ans. By the Supper of the Lord my Faith is strengthened, that as I receiue the Bread and Wine into my body to become mine, so doth my Soule receiue withall Christ Iesus and all the benefits of his Death and Passion to be wholly mine.

Quest. VVhat doth the breaking of the Bread signifie vnto vs.

Ans. The breaking and suffering of Christs body upon the Crosse.

Quest. VVhat signifieth the pouring out of the VVine.

Ans. The shedding of Christs blood euen to the death.

Quest. VVhat meaneth the giuing of the Bread and VVine vnto vs.

Ans. The giuing of Christs body and blood vnto our soules.

Quest. VVhat meaneth the taking of the Bread and VVine.

Ans. The spirituall receiuing of Christs body and blood.

Quest. VVhat meaneth our corporall eating and drinking of the bread
and

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and wine.

Ans. Our spirituall feeding upon the body and blood of **CHRIST**.

Quest. How doe we eate Christs body and drinke his blood.

Iohn.6.51. *Ans.* Spiritually, and by Faith.

Quest. Declare how that is?

Ioh.6.40. *Ans.* It is with a certaine affiance

1 Ioh.4. of mind, to lay holde on the whole

13. Passion and death of **CHRIST**, there

Rom.8.7. by to obtaine forgiveness of sinnes, and Life everlasting, and also to bee spiritually united unto **CHRIST**, that wee bee flesh of his flesh, and bone of his bone.

Question. Are all Persons without exception, to be admitted to this Sacrament?

Answer. No.

Quest. VVho are not to be admitted?

Ans. Children, Fools, Madmen, Ignorant Persons, knowne heretickes, open and notorious sinners not repenting.

Quest. VVhy are not these to bee admitted?

Ans. Because they receyving it unworthi.

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woorthily should eate and drinke the
same damnation. 1. Cor. 11

Qⁿ. What then is required of those
that would bee woorthy Commu-
nicants? 29.

Ans. They must trie and examine
themselves. 1. Cor. 11
28.

Quest. Wherein must they ex-
amine themselves.

Ans. First, they must examine, Hof. 4. 6.
concerning their knowledge, what
knowledge they haue in the principles
of Religion, especially in the matter of
the Sacraments.

Quest. Wherein else must they ex-
amine themselves.

Answer. Concerning their repen-
tance whether they be heartily sorrow-
full for their sinnes past, purposing by
Gods assistance to leaue their sins, and
for the time to come, to liue a better
life. Luk. 13. 1.
Psal. 119.
57.

Quest. Wherein else must they ex-
amine themselves?

Answer. Concerning their Faith,
whether they haue a true Faith or
not: for without Faith it is impossi-
ble to please GOD, and whatsoever
is Heb. 11. 6
Ro. 14. 23
is

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is not of Faith, is Sinne.

Quest. VVhat further examination must be vsed before the receyuing of this Sacrament?

Mat. 5. 23 *Answer.* They must examine them-
Mar. 18. 35 selves concerning theyr Loue, whether
Rom. 12. they be in perfect loue and charitie with
all men, seeking Reconciliation where
any thing hath bene amisse.

Quest. After this examination, what
must followe in those that would bee
worthy Communicants?

Ezec. 36. *Answer.* A Remeditation, or se-
21. rious Consideration of the Benefites
Ier. 31. 31. signed and sealed vnto vs, in the Sa-
crament which wee are about to Re-
ceiue.

Quest. How must wee be disposed
in the present act of Receyuing?

Ecc. 4. 17 *Answer.* Wee must present our selues
Pro. 23. 1. with reuerence before the Lord, setting
our Senses and Faith a worke, on the
Meditation of CHRISTES bitter
Passion, and his merites for vs, in the
Sacrament represented vnto vs.

Quest. VVhat is to bee done after
our Receyuing?

Ps. 116. 12. *Answer.* Wee must giue hearty thanks
vnto

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unto God for this inestimable benefite
which we haue receyued, in bring par-
takers of this so holy a banquet, and
resolue to leade a new life, as hauing
renued our Couenant with the Lord,
for that purpose.

Rom. 12. 1.

1 Pet. 1. 17.

18. et 2. 5. 9

10.

Quest. What shall a true receyuer
feele in himselfe after the receyuing
of the Sacrament.

An. The encrease of his Faith in 1 Cor. 10. 16
Christ, the encrease of Sanctification, 17 et 11. 24
a greater measure of dying to sinne,
and a greater care to liue in newnesse
of life.

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Question.

WHat is the other helpe you haue to encrease Faith?

Ans. Prayer.

Quest. VVhat is Prayer?

Ans. Prayer is an humble lifting vp of the mind, and posyng soorth of the heart before God.

Quest. VVhat be the parts of Praier?

1. Tim. 1. 2. Ans. Inuocation, Supplication, Intercession and Thanksgiving.

Quest. VVhat is Inuocation?

Ans. That part of Prayer, where by we beg at the hands of God, some good thing vnto vs.

Qu. VVhat is Supplication?

Ans. That part of Prayer, whereby we entreat God to remooue some euill from vs.

Quest. VVhat is Intercession?

Ans. That part of prayer, whereby we entreat the Lord to grant some good thing vnto our brethren, or to remoue
some

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some euill from them.

Quest. VVhat is Thanksgiuing?

Ans. That part of Prayer, whereby we render thanks to God for benefits bestowed either vpon our selues, or our brethren.

Quest. To whom must we pray?

Ans. To God onely.

Que. In whose name must we pray? Rom. 10. 14

Answer. In the name of Christ. Deut. 6 13.

Quest. Why must our prayers bee made in his name? Psal. 50.

John. 14. 6.

Ans. Because in him God is pleased with vs, and hath promised for his sake to heare vs. 1. Tim. 2. 5.

Heb. 9. 6.

1. John 2. 1.

Quest. May we not pray to Saints or Angels, or to the Virgin *Mary*, or to Reue. 19. 10 God, in the name of a Saint or Angell.

Ans. No.

Quest. Why?

Ans. Because there is neither commandment nor promise, nor example for it in the Scriptures.

Quest. For whom must we pray.

Ans. For our selues, our Princes, 1 Tim. 2. 2.
our Magistrates, our Ministers, our Iames 5. 13
Superiours, Inferiours, friends & foes, Mat. 5. 44.
and al that stand in need of our prayers. Rom. 12. 14

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Quest. May wee not pray for the dead?

Psal. 49. 7. *Ans.* No: for such are idle & bootlesse Prayers.

Ioh. 16. 23. *Quest.* For what may we pray?

24. *Ans.* For all things needefull and necessary both for boeie and soule.

James. 1. 5. *Quest.* What affection is required of vs in our Prayers?

Math. 7. 7. *Ans.* Wee must pray with a zealous spirit, with heart and soule, and not with cold affection and lip-labour.

Quest. May we not follow our own fantasies in Prayer?

Rom. 8. 26. *Ans.* No, for then our Prayers would be very vaine.

James 4. 3. *Quest.* What rule hath God giuen vs to direct vs in these our Prayers?

Answer. The Scriptures, & chieslie the Lords Prayer.

Mat. 6 9. 10

11. 12. 13.

14.

Quest. Rehearse the Lords Prayer.

Ans. Our Father which art in Heauen, Hallowed bee thy Name. Thy Kingdome come. Thy will bee done in earth as it is in Heauen. Giue vs this day our dayly Bread. And forgive vs our trespasses as wee forgive them that trespass against vs. And lead vs not

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not into temptation, but deliuer vs from euill: For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for euer and euer. Amen.

Quest. Is it lawfull for vs to vse no other forme of words in our prayers but these.

Ans. We may vse other words, but we must pray for the same things, and with the same affection, following the rules in the Lords Prayer prescribed vnto vs.

Quest. How is the Lords Prayer diuided?

Answer. Into three parts: a Preface to the Petitions, the Petitions themselves, and a Conclusion.

Quest. Which Words doe containe the Preface.

Ans. These words, Our Father which art in Heauen.

Q. To what vse serueth the Preface.

Ans. To prepare vs to pray aright. Eccles. 5. 1.

Quest. Wherefore doe we call God Father?

Ans. To assure vs of his good will towards vs. Eccl. 49. 15. Math. 7. 11.

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Qu. Why doe wee say our Father,
and not, my Father?

Math. 5. 44. *Answer.* To teach vs to pray for o^r
2. Tim. 2. 1. thers, as well as for our selues.

Quest. Wherefore doe wee say,
Which art in heauen?

Psal. 115. 3. *Answer.* To signifie Gods readinesse
Psal. 25. 1. to heare our Prayers, and his ability to
grant our requests.

Qu. How many petitions are there
in the Lords Prayer?

Answer. Sixe.

Quest. How be they diuided?

Answer. The thre first concerne the
glory of God, the other thre our owne
necessities.

Prou. 16. 4. *Q.* Why are the Petitions thus placed
Mat. 6. 33. *Answer.* To teach vs that first wee
are to seeke Gods glory, and then af-
terward our owne necessities in our
Prayers.

Quest. Rehearse the first Petition.

Ans. Hallowed be thy Name.

Quest. What is heere meant by the
Name of God?

Exod. 34. 5. *Answer.* God himselfe, his Works,
Rom. 2. Words, Titles, Attributes, & what-
soever else, whereby hee is manifested
and

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and made knowne vnto vs.

Quest. What is heere meant by hal-
lowing of the Name of God?

Ans. The name of God is said to be
hallowed, when it is reuealed, obserued, *Leuit. 10.3*
glorified, and truly honoured. *Eze. 38.23.*

Answer. What then doe we pray for
heere in this first Petition.

Ans. We do here pray, that Gods
Honor and Glory, Justice, Mercie, *Psalm. 104.*
Power, Wisdom, and Goodnes, may *Rom. 1.20.*
truly be known, and duly extolled by
vs in heart, mouth, and deed.

Qu. What doe wee pray against in
this Petition?

Ans. Wee doe here pray against *Psalm. 51.15.*
our olone naturall corruption, wants *Ps. 119.136*
and imperfections, and against all pro-
fanenesse in our selues and others.

Qu. Rehearse the second Petition?

Answer. Thy Kingdome come.

Ans. V What is meant by Kingdome
here?

Ans. By Kingdome heere is meant
the spirituall government, whereby *Mat. 13.24*
Christ ruleth in our harts by his Word *Mat. 1.14.*
and Spirit, and both prepare them for *Esa. 1.14.*
the Kingdome of glory.

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Quest. What doe we pray for here in this second Petition?

Pf. 51. 10. 12. *Ans.* Wee doe here pray that the Lord would raigne more and more in our hearts, enabling vs by his Holie Spirit to doe those things which are acceptable in his sight.

Qu. What else doe wee pray for heere?

Pf. 122. 6. *Ans.* Wee doe also here pray for the Church of God militant here on earth, and euery particular member thereof, for King Magistrates, Ministers, Schooles of learning, and all other meanes whereby Christs Kingdome may come vnto vs.

Qu. What else doe we pray for here in this second Petition.

Rev. 22. 20. *Ans.* Wee doe here also pray, that the Lord would hasten his second coming, and finish these our dayes of sinne, bringing vs to his Kingdome of glorie.

Quest. What do wee heere pray against in this second Petition.

Rom. 7. 24. *Ans.* Wee doe here pray against our spirituall bondage vnder Sinne and Satan: as also against the kingdome of

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of Antichrist, and whatsoener is opposed against Christs kingdome.

Quest. Rehearse the third Petition.

Ans. Thy will be done in earth, as Mat. 6. 10.
it is in heauen.

Quest. What is here meant by Gods Will ?

Ans. His holy Word, (which is his revealed Will) written in the Iohn 6. 40.
Bookes of the olde and new Testa- 1 Thes. 4. 3.
ment. Phil. 3. 10.

Quest. When is Gods will done?

Ans. When truely it is acknowledged, and willingly obeyed and per- Iohn 6. 29.
formed by vs.

Quest. Why is this clause added, As it is in heauen.

Ans. To stirre vs vp with more willingnesse, readinesse, and faithfulnessse, Reu. 7. 11.
to yeld obedience by the example of the Reu. 19. 10.
Angels and heauenly Creatures.

Q^y. What pray we for then in this third Petition ?

Ans. Wee doe here pray for the right knowledge of the will of God, and for Colos. 1. 12
grace, patience and strength to obey it, and to submit our owne wills vnto it.

Quest. What doe we pray against
in

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this third Petition?

Ans. Wee doe here pray against our
Psal. 86. 11. olone rebellious wills, our olone impa-
2. Sam. 15. ciencie, and whatsoeuer within vs is
26. repugnant to the will of God.

Quest. Rehearse the fourth Petition.

Matt. 6. 11. Answer. Give vs this day our daylie
Bread.

Question. What is heere meant by
Bread?

Ans. All things needfull for this pre-
Psal. 141. 10 sent life: as Food, Rayment, and what,
2. Kings. 6. 2 soeuer else is needfull for the sustentati-
on of our life here in this world.

Qu. VVhy doe wee aske for all this
vnder the name of Bread?

Ans. To teach vs frugalitie and
1. Tim. 6. 8. Moderation, in our Dyet, Apparrell,
Houses, and Household-furnitures, and
to be content with a little, euen with
Food and Clothing.

Qu. Why doe we call it, *Our Bread*,
seeing it is the gift of God?

Ans. Because wee aske no more
1 Cor. 3. 22. then is giuen vnto vs, by Lawfull
2. Thes. . 10 meanes.

Quest. Why doe we say, *Give vs*; not,
Give mee?

Ans.

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Ans. Because we must be minde-
full of others as well as of our selues.

Quest. Why do we aske for this day
onely?

Ans. To teach vs to be content with **Prov. 30. 1.**
the present Provision, and to depend **Matt. 6. 32.**
vpon **GOD** daily.

Quest. What then in generall doe we
pray for in this fourth Petition?

Ans. We doe here pray that **God**
would graunt vs all things necessarie **Psalme 37. 5**
for this present Life, and a contented **Prou. 16. 3.**
minde, alwayes to rest vpon his blessed
Providence.

Qu. What do we here pray against?

Ans. All couetous desires, distrust, **Psa. 119. 36**
and vnlawful meanes of Provision for **1 Tim. 6. 10**
our selues.

Quest. Rehearse the fift Petition.

Ans. Forgiue vs our Trespases,
as wee forgive them that Trespasse a- **Matt. 6. 12.**
gainst vs.

Quest. What is here meant by debts
or Trespases?

Answer. Our Sinnes, which (like **Luke. 11. 4.**
Debts,) doe binde vs at the Judge-
ment Seate of **God**, and run in shooe
against vs.

Quest.

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Quest. What doe we pray for in this fift Petition?

Mat. 5. 7.

Ans. That God for Christ Iesus sake, would freely forgive vs all our finnes whatsoeuer, or wheresoeuer committed against him.

Quest. Why is the condition here added, As we forgive, &c.

Luk. 11. 4.

Mat. 18. 22.

Ans. To put vs in minde of our duty, which is freely to forgive al offences done vnto vs.

Quest. What doe wee pray against in this fift Petition?

1 Cor. 6. 7.

Ans. Wee doe here pray against all hardnes of heart, unmercifulnes, and perseuerance in our finnes.

Qu. Rehearse the sixt Petition.

Mat. 6. 13.

Ans. Lead vs not into temptation, but deliuer vs from euill.

Quest. What is here meant by temptation?

Ans. The enticement of the heart
James 1. 13. or Soule, epyther by the corruption of Mans Nature. or the allurements of the World, or the Diuell, to any sinne.

Quest. What is meant by euill?

Ans. All the power of the flesh, the
Diuell

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1 Iohn 3. 19

Quest. VVhat pray wee for in this
fixt Petition?

Ans. That God would not suffer
vs to bee overcome by any temptati-
on of the flesh, the World, and the
Diuell.

Psal. 51.

Quest. Doth God leade any man to
wickednesse.

Ans. No: for that is contrary to Iames 1. 13.
his Nature.

Quest. VVhy then do we aske this
of God?

Ans. Because no man is tempted
without his permission.

2. The. 2. 11.

Quest. VVhen doth God permit me
to be tempted?

Ans. When he doth withdraw his
grace from them, and leaueth them to
their owne hearts lusts.

Rom. 1. 24.

Quest. VVhat doe we pray against
in this Petition?

Ans. Wee do here pray against our
naturall pronenesse, to yelde to euery
temptation vnto sinne.

Rom. 7. 23.

Quest. VVhat meaneth the Conclu-
sion added to this Prayer: For thine
is the Kingdome, Power and Glory, Mat. 6. 13.
for

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for euer and euer? Amen.

Ans^w. It teacheth vs to humble and
Gen. 18. 27 abase our selues in Prayers before
2 Cor. 1. 20 God, vnto deny all that is in vs,
Philip. 4. 6. to relye vpon his willingnesse to heare
vs, and his abilitie to graunt our re-
quests, as also to stirre vs by to thank-
giuing.

Quest. VVhat is Thanksgiuing.

Ans^w. It is the praying and magni-
Rom. 7. 12. fyng of the Lord, who is the Authour
and fountaine of all good things.

Quest. May we not giue thanks to
Angels or Saints.

Ierem. 7. 5 An. No: for that were manifest I-
dolatry.

Qu. Should we not bee thankfull
to men.

Ans: Yes: but the chiefe praise per-
Esay 51. 12 taineth to God.

13.

Question. For what should we praise
God?

Ans. For all things that wee haue,
1 Thes. 5. 18 for prosperity and aduersity, and for
Iob. 1. 21. whatsoeuer it shall please him to giue
vs, or to lay vpon vs.

Quest. How often should we praise
God?

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Ans. Continually, as we enioy his *Psa. 149. 51*
benefites, or se his hand vpon vs. *Psal. 103. 1.*

Q^u. How should we praise him?

Ans. With mind, heart, deede, and *Deut. 6. 5.*
lookes.

Quest. VVhat is the Conclusion
and summe of all that hath beene spo-
ken, concerning these Principles of
Religion.

Ans. That this is Life eternall to Iohn. 17. 3.
know God through Iesus Christ, to
honour him aright, and to beleue in
his name.

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